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GREW'S PATENT.

WILLIAM THE THIRD, by the grace of God, &c., to all whome these Presents shall come greeting.

WHEREAS our trusty and welbeloved **NEHEMIAH GREW**, Doctor in Phisick, hath by his petiçon humbly represented vnto vs that he hath with much study
5 and great charge invented “**THE WAY OF MAKEING THE SALT OF THE PURGEING WATERS PERFECTLY FINE IN LARGE QUANTITIES AND VERY CHEAPE, SO AS TO BE COMONLY PRESCRIBED AND TAKEN AS A GENERALL MEDICINE IN THIS OUR KINGDOME,**” and he haveing therefore prayed vs to grant him our Letters Patents for the sole benefitt of the said Invençon for the terme of fourteen years, and
10 wee are graciously pleased to gratifie him in his request.

KNOW YEE, THEREFORE, that wee being willing to cherish and encourage all lawdable endeavours and designs of such our subiects as have by their industry found out vsefull and profitable arts, misteries, and invençons, and that the said Nehemiah Grew may accordingly reape some fruite and
15 benefitt of his labour and charge in and concerning the premisses, of our especiall grace, certaine knowledge, and meere moñon, have given and granted, and by these Presents doe give and grant vnto the said Nehemiah Grew, his executors, administrators, and assignes, especial lycence, power, priviledge, and authority, that he and they, by him and themselves, and by his and their
20 deputies, servants, agents, and workmen, and such others onely as he, the said Nehemiah Grew, his executors, administrators, and assignes, shall agree with, shall and may from time to time and at all times hereafter dureing the space

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of fourteen yeares next ensueing the date of these Presents, at his and their owne proper costs and charges, erect, vse, teach, exercise, and put in practice the said new Invention soe by him contrived and found out as aforesaid in any place or places within our Kingdome of England, Dominion of Wales, and Towne of Berwick-vpon-Tweed, and alsoe shall and may receive, take, and 5 enioy all the benefitt, profitts, comodities, and advantages of and by the said new Invention to be had, made, acquired, or gotten to his and their owne proper benefitt, vse, and vses, to have, hold, vse, exercise, and enioy the said lycences, powers, priuiledges, and authorities, and all other the premisses by these Presents granted or menconed to be granted vnto the said Nehemiah 10 Grew, his executors, administrators, and assignes, for and dureing and vnto the full end and terme of fourteen yeares from the day of the date of these Presents next ensueing, and fully to be compleate and ended according to the Statute in that case made and provided. And to the end the said Nehemiah Grew, his executors, administrators, and assignes, may the better enioy the 15 full and whole benefitt, and the sole vse and exercise of his said new Invention, wee doe by these Presents, for vs, our heires and successors, straightly charge, require, and comand all and every person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, of what quality, degree, name, or condiçon soever they be, within our Kingdome of England, Dominion of Wales, and Towne of Berwick-vpon- 20 Tweed, that neither they nor any of them, dureing the said terme of fourteen yeares hereby granted, either directly or indirectly, to vse, exercise, or put in practice the said new Invençon soe by the said Nehemiah Grew invented and found out as aforesaid nor doe nor shall counterfeite, imitate, or resemble the said new Invention, or any matterials thereunto belonging, nor doe nor shall 25 make any addiçon therevnto or substracçon therefrom, whereby to pretend themselves the inventers or devisors thereof, without the lycence, consent, or agreement of the said Nehemiah Grew, his executors, administrators, or assignes, in writeing vnder his or their hande and seales first had and obtained in that behalfe, vnder such paines and penalties as can or may be inflicted on 30 the offender or offenders therein for the contempt of this our royall comand; and further to be answerable to the said Nehemiah Grew, his executors, administrators, and assignes, according to the vtmost rigor of the law, for his and their damages thereby sustained. And further, wee doe by these our Letters Patents, for vs, our heires and successors, will, authorize, require, and 35 comand all and singular justices of the peace, mayors, sherriffs, bayliffs, constables, headboroughs, and all other officers and ministers whatsoever of vs, our heires and successors, now and for the time being whome it may concerne, that they and every of them respectively be from time to time dureing

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the terme hereby granted in their respective offices, and according to their
and every of their best skills and endeavours, aiding, helping, and assisting
vnto the said Nehemiah Grew, his executors, administrators, and assignes,
deputies, agents, and servants in and by all things in and about the accom-
5 plishment of our royall will and pleasure herein-before declared, and in the
execution of the severall powers and priviledges hereby granted as aforesaid.
And moreover, wee doe by these Presents, for vs, our heires and successors,
will and comānd that our said respective officers and ministers before men-
cioned, or any of them, doe not nor shall at any time hereafter dureing the
10 terme hereby granted in any wise molest, trouble, or hinder the said Nehe-
miah Grew, his executors, administrators, or assignes, deputies, agents, or
servants, in or about the vse or exercise of the aforesaid Invention, or any
part thereof, or any thing relateing thereunto: Provided alwaies, and these
our Letters are and shall be vpon this condiçon, that if at any time dureing
15 the said terme of fourteen yeares hereby granted it shall be made appeare to
vs, our heires or successors, or any six or more of our or their Privy Councill,
that this our grant is contrary to law, or preiudiciall or inconvenient to our
subiects in generall, or that the Invention before mençoned is not a new
invention as to the publick vse and exercise of the same, and not invented
20 and found out by the said Nehemiah Grew as aforesaid, then, upon signi-
ficaçon and declaraçon of such preiudice or inconveniency, to be made by vs,
our heires or successors, vnder our or their signet or privy seale, or by the
Lordç or others of our or their Privy Councill, or any six or more of them,
vnder their handç, these our Letters Patents shall forthwith cease, determine,
25 and be vtterly void to all intents and purposes, any thing herein-before con-
tained to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided alsoe, that these our
Letters Patents shall forthwith cease, determine, and be vtterly void to all
intents and purposes, any thing herein-before contained to the contrary not-
withstanding: Provided alsoe, that these our Letters Patents, or any thing
30 herein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend to give privi-
ledge vnto the said Nehemiah Grew, his executors, administrators, or assignes,
to imitate any invention or worke whatsoever which hath been heretofore
invented and found out by any other of our subiects whatsoever, and publicly
exercised within our Kingdome of England, Dominion of Wales, and Towne
35 of Berwick-vpon-Tweed, to whome wee have already granted our like Letters
Patents of priviledge for the sole exercise and benefitt thereof, it being our
will and pleasure that the said Nehemiah Grew, his executors, administrators,
and assignes, and all and singular other person and persons to whome wee
have already granted our like Letters Patent, shall distinctly vse and practice

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their severall Invençons by them respectively found out, according to the true meaning of such our Letters Patents, and of these Presents. And lastly, wee doe hereby, for vs, our heires and successors, grant vnto the said Nehemiah Grew, his executors, administrators, and assignes, that these our Letters Patents, or the enrollment thereof, shall be and continue in and by all things 5 good, valid, firme, and effectuell in the law, according to the true meaning of the same, notwithstanding the not full and certaine describeing or mençoning of the said Invençon, or of the materialls, wayes, or meanes of makeing, vseing, vseing, or exerciseing of the same, or of the certaine vse or benefitt thereof, or any other defect, incertainty, or imperfection in these Presents, or 10 any other matter, cause, or thing whatsoever to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

In witnesse, &c. Witnesse our selfe at Westminster, the Fifteenth day of July.

By Writt of Privy Seale. 15

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